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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To, The Chairman and Members of Scalby Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1951.

Vital Statistics

Population: The mid-year population estimated by the Registrar General's Office was 6,132, a decrease of 169 compared with 1950.

Births : A total of 70 live births gave a Birth Rate of 11.3 per 1,000 population which becomes 12.1 when the comparability factor is applied. The rate for England and Wales was 15.5.

| <u>Live Births</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 36 | 29 | 65 |
| Illegitimate | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| | --- | --- | --- |
| | 37 | 33 | 70 |
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The Still-Birth Rate was 0.52 per 1,000 population compared with 0.36 for England and Wales.

| <u>Still-Births</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 1 | - | 1 |
| Illegitimate | 1 | - | 1 |
| | --- | --- | --- |
| | 2 | - | 2 |
| | == | == | == |

Deaths : Of the 94 deaths among Scalby residents, 67 or 71.4% occurred in persons over the age of 70, of whom 30 had passed their eightieth birthdays. Diseases of the Heart and Vascular system (61) and Cancer (14) were the most commonly reported causes of death. Of the notifiable diseases, Tuberculosis caused three deaths, and Pneumonia one. The 1950/51 nationwide Influenza epidemic which reached its peak in this area in the last fortnight in January and the first week in February lead to two deaths. No death was associated with Childbirth; Premature Birth was the cause of death of one infant.

| <u>Causes of Death.</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Tuberculosis, respiratory | - | 2 | 2 |
| - do - other | 1 | - | 1 |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung,)) bronchus | 1 | - | 1 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast | - | 2 | 2 |
| " " uterus | - | 2 | 2 |
| " " stomach | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Other malignant & lymphatic)) neoplasms | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| Influenza | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Diabetes | - | 1 | 1 |

| <u>Causes of Death. (cont)</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 9 | 7 | 16 |
| Coronary disease, angina | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| Hypertension with heart disease. | - | 3 | 3 |
| Other heart diseases. | 14 | 16 | 30 |
| Pneumonia | 1 | - | 1 |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | - | 1 | 1 |
| Nephritis & nephrosis | 1 | - | 1 |
| Hyperplasia of prostate | 1 | - | 1 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Accidents (other than motor) | 1 | - | 1 |
| Suicide | - | 1 | 1 |
| Bronchitis | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 46 | 48 | 94 |
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The crude Death Rate of 15.2 per 1,000 population when adjusted by applying the comparability factor, to allow for age distribution, becomes 10.6; the Death Rate for England and Wales as a whole was 12.5.

The Infantile Mortality Rate fell from 37.5 per 1,000 live births in 1950 to 14.3 in 1951.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Fewer cases of Infectious Diseases were notified in 1951 than in 1950. Again Measles was the most frequently reported but to a less extent than in the previous year. No case of Diphtheria, the Enteric Group of Fevers or Infantile Paralysis occurred in 1951. Influenza was prevalent during the earlier weeks of the year but there are no means available to enable the exact number of cases to be determined.

| | <u>Notifications</u> | | | | |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | <u>1st. Qur.</u> | <u>2nd Qur.</u> | <u>3rd Qur</u> | <u>4th Qur</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | 4 |
| Whooping Cough | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 12 |
| Measles | 9 | 24 | 24 | - | 57 |
| Erysipelas | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Phthisis | 1 | - | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| | | | | | <hr/> |
| | | | | | 83 |
| | | | | | === |

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 (S 47)

No application to court for the compulsory removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention was made in 1951.

I am indebted to Mr. Horn, the Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor, for much of the detail for which the following part of the report was prepared.


HOUSING

A further 36 houses were completed at Highfield Estate by the Council in 1951. In addition 9 houses were built under private enterprise.

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of houses completed 1946-1950 ... | ... | ... | 224 |
| Number of houses completed 1951 ... | ... | ... | 36 |
| Number of houses completed by private enterprise | | | |
| 1946/50 ... | ... | ... | 59 |
| Number of houses completed by private enterprise | | | |
| 1951 ... | ... | ... | 9 |

WATER SUPPLIES

The borehole continued to give an adequate and wholesome supply of water; samples submitted for bacteriological examination proved to be highly satisfactory:-



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Routine Bacteriological Report

| <u>Source</u> | <u>B. Coli Absent</u> <u>Class (i)</u> | <u>B. Coli Present</u> <u>Class</u> (ii) (iii) (iv) | | | <u>Welchi</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---------------|--------------|
| Borehole | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 |

FOOD HYGIENE

Regular and systematic inspections of all food premises within the district were carried out. Co-operation was extended to the Department by all dealers.

Notices, requesting customers to keep their dogs on a leash while visiting food premises, were printed by the Council and distributed free of charge to shop-keepers.

The opportunity was taken during the year to show films relating to clean food handling at the local Infant Welfare Clinic.

CAMPING SITES.

Within the Urban District there is one recognised camping site which is licensed to accommodate ten caravans; the camp was conducted satisfactorily during the year.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

An efficient collection of household refuse was maintained during the year. Salvage included 99 tons of waste paper, in regard to which Mr. Horn wishes to express his appreciation to householders for their assistance.

I am pleased to report that the conditions at the Refuse Tip are now vastly improved, means having been found to provide adequate coverage to tipped material.

RODENT CONTROL

The Rodent Officer reported that the number of rodents estimated killed was 767; in addition 163 carcasses were recovered. The method of treatment adopted is that which is suggested by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Nine nuisances were abated without resort to statutory proceedings.

The following items of food declared unfit for human consumption were surrendered viz:-

3 tins evaporated milk
4 " processed peas.
6 " luncheon meat
2 " oranges
2 " pears
1 jar apricots
8½ lb bacon.

One private street was completed under the Public Health Act, 1875.

Routine inspections by the Sanitary Inspector included visits to factories and farms situated within the district and the systematic inspection of sewers.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948. Report of the Medical Officer of Health.

Following is an abbreviated copy of Form 572 (Revised) which has been forwarded direct to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, in accordance with the Regulations in that behalf, viz:-

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections by Sanitary Inspectors).

| <u>Premises</u> | <u>No. on Register.</u> | <u>No. of Inspections</u> | <u>No. of written notices</u> | <u>Occupiers Prosecuted.</u> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| a) Factories in which S.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities. | 10 | 21 | - | - |
| b) Factories not included in (a) in which S.7. is enforced by Local Authorities. | - | - | - | - |
| c) Other premises in which S.7. is enforced by the Local Authority, excluding out-workers premises. | 4 | 7 | - | - |
| Total | 14 | 28 | - | - |

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

| | <u>Found</u> | <u>Remedied</u> | <u>No. of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---|
| (a) Want of Cleanliness | 1 | 1 | - |

3. Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111 of the Act.

Number of outworkers etc., NIL

As the Council is aware Mr. T.E.Dearmer retired from his appointment as Surveyor, Sanitary Inspector and Water Engineer, after many years service and Mr. G. Horn M.S.I.A. was appointed to fill the vacancy.

To summarise, the health of the community during the year 1951 was good and the sanitary conditions of the district were satisfactory.

I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Dearmer and Mr. Horn for their efficient co-operation during the year.

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.

